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LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S SEARCH AND RESCUE DIVISION

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U.S. Department of Energy
Yucca Mountain Project
Las Vegas, NV 89134

SUBJECT: Proposed Rail Transportation Project for Yucca Mtn.

The following are some of the items of concern to the Sheriff's Search & Rescue Division, and the residents of Lincoln County :

1. One of the primary concerns is the ability for vehicular traffic to cross the railroad, not only at the primary roadways throughout the county, but at the existing secondary roads as well. These secondary roads are county roads, and are necessary for routine traffic as well as access for any search & rescue operations that might become necessary.
2. The proposed rail corridor will, in the future, become a major transportation feature for eastern and central Nevada and should be available for use by whatever agencies or private enterprises that could conceivably use it for a more efficient means of transportation. The corridor alignment should provide for the most economic advantage of the affected communities at the least risk.
3. The emergency equipment and training should be provided to our first responders and support teams to enable us to respond to any emergency that should arise from the existence of this rail corridor as well as any facilities that will be needed to serve it's use. This equipment should include the upgrade of radio communications and cellular sites along the corridor as needed to enable reliable communications for the public as well as emergency services.

These are some of our concerns regarding emergency services, and I'm sure there will be more issues to be worked out. We welcome the opportunity to meet with your emergency services agencies and share the responsibilities of serving the people of Lincoln County.

Respectfully Submitted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Dixon".

Ken Dixon